



October 7, 2013

**To:** Recipients of the West Duwamish Trail Extension (South Portland Street) Project  
SEPA DNS and Environmental Checklist

**From:** Sandra Gurkewitz, Senior Environmental Planner

**Subject:** Addendum to the West Duwamish Trail Extension (South Portland Street) Project  
SEPA Environmental Checklist

## **Purpose of this Addendum**

In July 2013, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) prepared a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Checklist that analyzed the environmental impacts of the proposed West Duwamish Trail Extension (South Portland Street) Project. As lead agency, SDOT issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the project on August 1, 2013.

Since then, SDOT has decided to extend the multi-use trail project two blocks south along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. SDOT has prepared this addendum to assess how the extension of the project onto 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South affects the analyses included in the Environmental Checklist that was prepared in July 2013. As lead agency, SDOT has reviewed the findings and concluded that the extension on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South does not substantially change the analyses of impacts contained in the Environmental Checklist that was prepared in July 2013, and that the extension of the project on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South will not result in any significant environmental impacts.

This addendum has been prepared in accordance with the authority provided in SMC 25.05.600 and in accordance with the procedures described in SMC 25.05.625.

## **Updated Project Information**

SDOT is designing an extension of the West Duwamish Trail (South Portland Street), which now ends at S. Holden St. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S. This extension will lengthen the trail along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from South Portland Street to South Kenyon Street, and will greatly improve the connection between the current West Duwamish trail and the bicycle route on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South (See Figure 1). The extension will be located on the west side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, which is currently configured as a 42-foot-wide roadway with curb and sidewalks and on-street parking on both sides of the street. The project on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South will install a new 10-foot multi-use trail. A 5-foot landscaped buffer will separate the trail from private property lines, and a curb will separate the trail from the street. Approximately 15 parking spaces will be eliminated without replacement on the east side of the street between South Portland Street and South



Kenyon Street, leaving two 11.5-foot driving lanes and a 7-foot parking lane on the west side of the street, adjacent to the trail. The project will also reconstruct sidewalk ramps to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and remove existing damaged concrete pavement and curb, which will be replaced with new concrete curb and gutter and asphalt pavement. The existing curb and drainage inlets will be removed and extended for approximately 13 feet into the street. New inlets from the new curb location will be installed and connected to existing drainage infrastructure.

### **Additional Technical Reports**

The project team has developed a draft Stormwater Technical Memorandum to assist with project design and decisions related to project changes.

SDOT has determined that this proposal would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency.

This addendum is issued under WAC 197-11-625 and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.625. If you have comments, please submit them to:

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Please submit your comments by **October 21, 2013**.

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